YOUNGSHOLM: CHARLES YOUNG BUFFALO SOLDIERS NATIONAL MONUMENT WILBERFORCE, OHIO

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE REPORT / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN



Through the Youngsholm Cultural Landscape Report and Landscape Rehabilitation Project, Quinn Evans Architects enables the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument to embody the story of an American hero.



As a soldier, diplomat, and intellectual, Charles Young (1864-1922) overcame inequality to become a leading national figure in the years after the Civil War when the United States emerged as a world power. His family's house and farm, affectionately called "Youngsholm", served as a refuge away from service as a commander of the Buffalo Soldiers and a military attaché in the western US, Mexico, Haiti, Liberia, and Nigeria, among other posts.



- ---- National Monument boundary / study area Parcels historically associated with Youngsholm
- ---- Homestead LCA
- ---- NHL Boundary





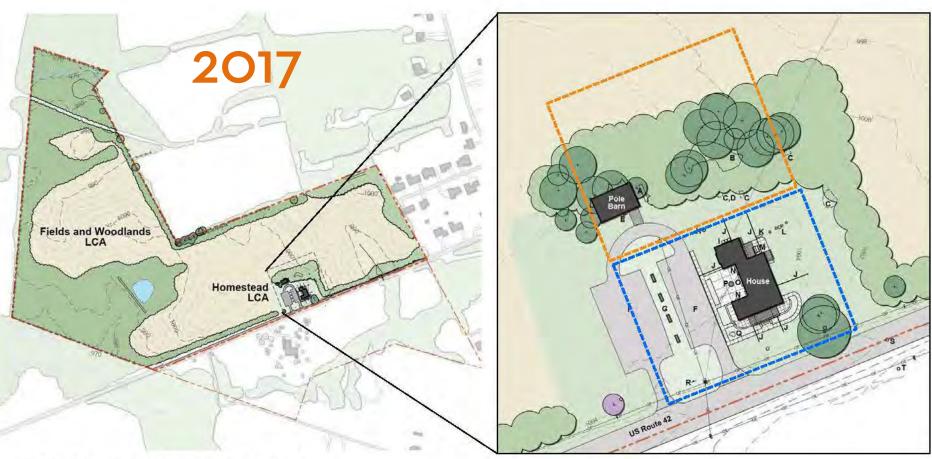
Preservation Landscape Architecture



Environmental Compliance Planning

What Remains?





Fields and Woodlands LCA

- Woodlands
- Fields
- Old Town Creek
- Pond (est. 1940-1964)

Homestead LCA

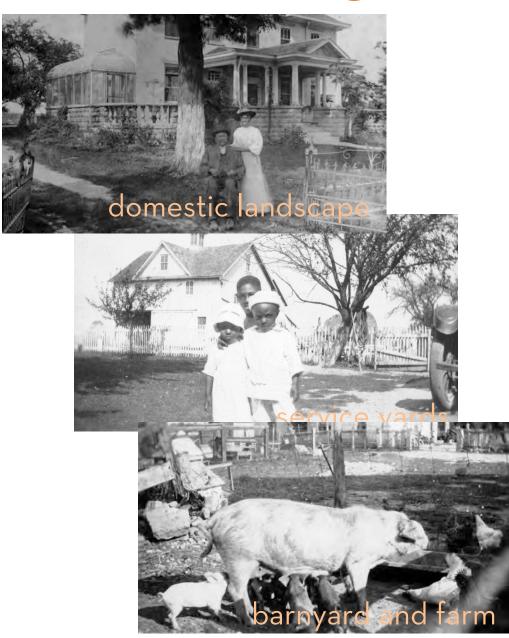
- Home grounds (—)
- Former farm (—)
- · Pole barn

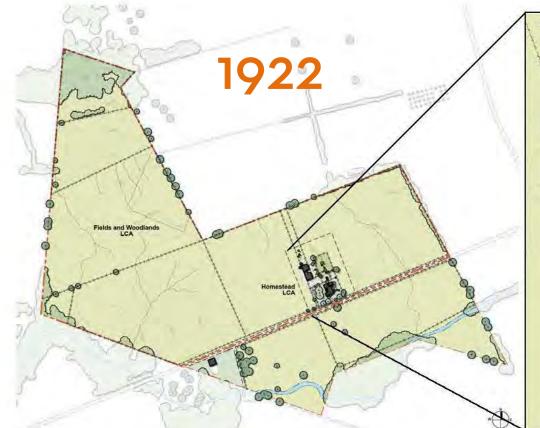
Parking

The combined Cultural Landscape Report and Environmental Assessment will guide the treatment, use, and management of heritage resources through the in-depth documentation of the 60-acre site over-time, analysis of landscape conditions, and provision of treatment recommendations. Schematic design of the preferred alternative will allow the public to envision life at the farm in 1922; enjoy gathering spaces, accessible trails, compatible parking, and interpretive exhibits; and benefit from the sustainable management of fields and woodlands.

For the Environmental Assessment, QEA is collaborating with Woolpert, Inc. to study the potential environmental consequences of the recommendations. The project was preceded by a historic structure report by STRATA Architects, the prime on this contract. After the public review of the report, completion of the schematic design phase is planned for early 2018.

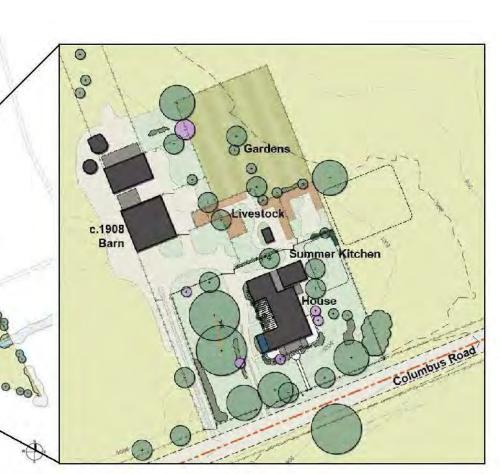
What's Missing?





1922 Fields and Woodlands LCA

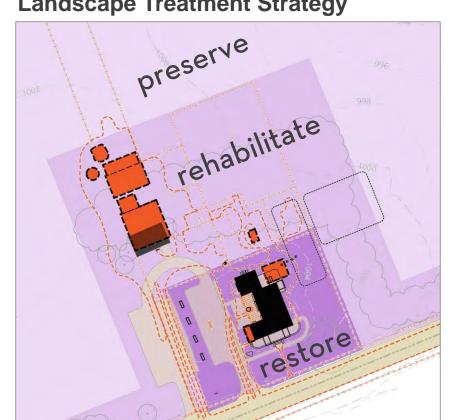
- Open fields with wooded edges
- Homestead and Farm complex
- Views south toward rural setting



1922 Homestead LCA

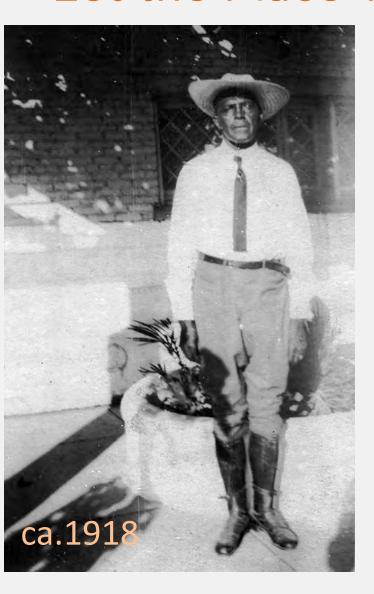
- Home grounds with front yard, west courtyard, domestic spaces
- Pens and chicken yard
- Barnyard
- Vegetable garden

Landscape Treatment Strategy



--- existing landscape in black --- missing landscape in orange

Let the Place Tell the Stories









What's the Opportunity?

While the house and field pattern remain, nearly all traces of domestic and agricultural life have disappeared over time.

This presents a unique opportunity to interpret the story of the Young family through the restoration of the 1922 homestead and the rehabilitation of farm and fields.

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Both Alternatives 1 and 2

- Restore home grounds (fenced area around the house) to 1922 historic character for full interpretation and compatibility with HSR recommendations
- Improve wayfinding and safety for visitor and staff approach, arrival, and parking
- Relocate parking and accommodate buses and other large vehicles (24 cars, 2 buses/trailer)
- Provide pervious, mowable parking area
- Provide bicycle access from neighborhood
- Manage fields via partnership as hay and crops
- Provide interpretive trails around field margins for immersive experience of agricultural landscape, historic views to homestead, and education associated with the farm pond
- Consider management of rural character of setting, particularly to the south

Alternative 1

- Restore home grounds, rehabilitate spatial organization of farm, preserve fields and woodlands
- Relocate parking, basic orientation, and arrival sequence to east of the house
- Combine maintenance/farm access and separate from visitor access
- Interpret farm with fences to define historic and open programmatic spaces and to regain a sense of character

Alternative 2

- Restore home grounds, rehabilitate character and features of farm, rehabilitate (to a limited extent) fields and woodlands
- Relocate parking to west of the existing parking area, adjacent to visitor contact area (barns), and provide maintenance and farm access
- Access house in historic sequence, access porch with sloped walk
- Interpret the summer kitchen with a frame and roof with movable tables/benches
- Enhance historic character in farm and barnyard, rehabilitate with historic fences, incorporate tables/benches into pen areas for open programming
- Provide more accessible trails in fields
- Grade stage zone at natural amphitheater in the northwest field

Alternative 1 with March 2017 workshop notes **Alternative 1: Recapture Historic Character of Core, Expand Site Access** Hay / infrequent Add accessible laintenance and farm acces Farm route / field edge Accessible route 2976 if Maintenance route Hay field Trail route 2513 If Visitor vehicular route Alternative 1: Recapture Historic Character of Core, Expand Site Access Reoriented Visitor access to fields and farm access 1. Parking, overflow, bike racks, visitor orientation, and main access relocated to east 2. Vegetation management for selective views 3. Restored ornamental and domestic features 4. Interpretive feature (former outbuildings), possible alternative visitor orientation 5. Barnyard interpreted with fences for programmatic space 6. Picnic grove with trees/turf in former garden/existing woods Comfort station, shelter, and maintenance 8. Maintenance access 9. Farm access 10. Screen plantings/visual buffer Arrival route Visitor orient. New dec. tree New fruit tree Overflow parking Orn. Metal fence **Existing tree** Rough turf Picket fence Parking Shrub or bed Visitor route Field edge buffer Post and wire/rail fence

